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1. SUMMARY: SECRETARY'S SPEECH AT UN CONTAINING MAJOR
REFERENCE TO CYPRUS RECEIVED HEAVY GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS PLAY
SEPTEMBER 23. NEW RECEIVED HERE TOO LATE FOR EDITORIALS
BUT MANY COMMENTS MADE BY PRESS IN REPORTING STATEMENT.
COMMENTS GENERALLY BALANCED AND FAVORABLE, WITH PREDICTABLE
CRITICISM FROM FAR LEFT. PRESS CLEARLY SEES STATEMENT AS
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MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN CYPRUS PROBLEM. IN DEPARTURE STATEMENT,

MAKARIOS SAID SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS "INCLUDED ELEMENTS WHICH COULD DEVELOP INTO CONSTRUCTIVE ONES AND OPEN THE ROAD TO A SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM." GOC OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR THEIR APPRECIATION OF STATEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS SEPTEMBER 23 IS DOMINATED BY REPORTAGE OF CYPRUS SECTION OF SECRETARY'S SEPTEMBER 22 SPEECH TO UN. PAPERS DRAW ON RUETER'S AND ATHENS' NEWS AGENCY STORIES. ALL PAPERS GIVE STRAIGHT ACCOUNTS OF SPEECH'S MAIN POINTS.

3. NO EDITORIALS HAVE APPEARED AS YET, BUT SOME PAPERS MAKE COMMENTS IN STORIES CHARACTERIZING SPEECH AND US POLICY ON CYPRUS. PRO-CLERIDES AGON CALLTDTTT Z "IMPRESSIVELY OBJECTIVE" AND QUOTES "OFFICIAL POLITICAL CIRCLES" AS SAYING SPEECH MAY BE INDICATION THAT USG IS CHANGING ITS CYPRUS

POLICY AND MAY NOW BE CONSIDERING PRESSING TURKEY TO SOLVE PROBLEM. PAPER ADDS AS CAUTIONARY NOTE FROM SAME SOURCES THAT "THERE IS BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WORDS AND DEEDS." PRO-MAKARIOS' PHILELEFTHEROS WITHHOLDS COMMENT ON SPEECH BUT STRESSES SECRETARY'S FOURTH POINT THAT FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES MUST WITHDRAW AND SAYD UN REPS ARE FAVORABLE IMPRESSED. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI REPORTS SPEECH WITH NO COMMENTS AT ALL AS DOES SAMPSON'S RIGHTIST MAKHI.

4. CRITICAL COMMENTS COME FROM INDEPENDENT ELEFOTHEROS LAOS WHICH HEADLINES SPEETH "WOLF IS POSING AS LAMB." INDEPENDENT ANAGENNISIS CLAIMS OBJECT OF SPEECH IS "DECEIVE" CONGRESS TO LIFT TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO, "OUTFLANK" RECENT FRENCH STATEMENTS ON CYPRUS, SUPPORT US MID-EAST INTERESTS, BLUNT GREEK CYPRIOT CASE AT UNGA. LYSSARIDES' TA NEA ALSO PREDICTABLY CRITICAL, SAYING AIM IS TO LIFT EMBARGO AND BLUNT UNGA CYPRUS DEBATE.

5. IN DEPARTURE STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 23, MAKARIOS SAID SECRETARY'S STATEMENT CONTAINS "CONSTRUCTIVE ELEMENTS WHICH COULD LEAD TO SOLUTION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM." WENT ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, SECRETARY'S "PROPOSALS" DID NOT LESSEN "IMPORTANCE OF CYPRUS APPEAL" AT UN BECAUSE OTHER PARTICIPANTS MIGHT ALSO SUBMIT "CONCRETE PROPOSALS."

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6. AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD BY FONMIN DIRGEN AT MAKARIOS' SEND-OFF THAT MAKARIOS VIEWED SPEECH "IN VERY FAVORABLE LIGHT". AND THAT HE INTENDS COMMENT AGAIN ON STATEMENT UPON ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK TUESDAY EVENING. IN ADDITION, FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR EVENING SEPTEMBER 22 AND EXPRESSED WARM APPRECIATION FOR SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

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